

Stately Homes and Gardens

Wiltshire is home to a world-class collection of gardens and stately homes, and its sweeping landscapes are studded with horticultural gems.

[Stourhead's](#) harmonic vistas - especially the classic view of the Turf Bridge, lake and Pantheon on the opposite shore - seem to epitomise the county as a whole. This outstanding stately home, one of Wiltshire's finest 18th century landscaped gardens, is a delicious mix of formal and informal features. And it's not just the gardens that draw visitors, for at Stourhead's heart lies a Palladian mansion filled with glittering furnishings and objects d'art.

At [Bowood House and Gardens](#), master landscaper 'Capability' Brown created a flowing mix of woodlands and lawns sloping down to a lake, overlooked by the formal terraces of an imposing stately home. Bowood has an all-round appeal, for set amongst its woods is an imaginatively designed Adventure Playground for younger visitors.

[Longleat](#) is a beautiful stately home in Wiltshire and also attracts a family audience. The house, seat of the Marquess of Bath, is surrounded by magnificent grounds that again bear the mark of industrious 18th century landscaper 'Capability' Brown.

[Wilton House](#) is another stately home in Wiltshire. Here, the magnificent 450-year-old house – seen in films such as *Sense and Sensibility* and *Pride and Prejudice* - stands amongst parklands, woodlands and water gardens.

[Lydiard House and Park](#) near Swindon is a Palladian jewel. With its formal parkland, pasture, beautiful woodland walks, avenues and lake, it still retains the grand design of its 18th century heyday.

[Mompesson House](#) in Salisbury's Cathedral Close is a Queen Anne-style with a small, courtyard garden. It was also used in the film *Sense and Sensibility*.

Make sure you also visit The Peto Garden, a little corner of Italy at [Iford Manor](#), near Bradford on Avon.

And don't forget that many other beautiful Wiltshire gardens are open to the public on selected dates throughout the year through The National Gardens Scheme.



The lake and temple at Stourhead House



The gardens at Bowood House

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